nery and to the transport vehicles arising on account of adulteration and spurious lubricants in sale.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Madam, the supplementary of the hon. Member has no relevance to the main question. But I may briefly state that the price of kerosene is highly subsidised. Kerosene is distributed through the public distribution system to the consumers at a highly subsidised price in view of the fact that kerosene is the main household fuel for lighting and other purposes of the common man.

But industrial kerosene is priced higher. The question of adulteration is a different question altogether. In view of the fact that kerosene is underpriced, there is the phenomenon of utilising kerosene for adulterating higher priced fuel and the Oil Ministry and its subordinate organisations have a programme of continuous checking to prevent these malpractices. A similar checking is also there about lubricants and spurious lubricants. Just because the possibility of adulteration is there, we cannot increase the price of kerosene which is used by the common man.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के पेंशन संबंधी मामलों की जांच करने के लिए समिति

*502. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी†**
श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) क्या सरकार स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों की पेंशन के उन आवदनों की जिन्हें राज्य सरकारों द्वारा भेजा गया था और जिन्हें पहले केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा रद्द कर दिया गया था, जांच करने के लिए एक समिति गठित करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों की मृत्यु के पश्चात् उनकी विधवाओं को पेंशन दिये जाने संबंधी मामलों पर कार्यवाही करने की शक्ति राज्य सरकारों को दिये जाने पर सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Rejected cases are not to be re-opened unless new strong evidence is adduced and it prima facie justifies re-opening of the case. Hence the question of constituting a committee to examine rejected cases does not arise.

(c) The State Governments are competent to process the applications for re-opening of rejected cases including from widows of freedom fighters and make their recommendation to the Centre.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Madam, I am not satisfied as the answers to (a), (b) and (c) are contradictory to each other. When this scheme was introduced to recognise the freedom fighters, the procedure was that persons who had undergone a sentence for more than six months were to be recognised as freedom fighters by the Central Government and who had undergone a sentence for less than six months were to be compensated with some pension by the State Governments. But at the same time there was a procedure which laid down that persons who went underground because of some non-bailable warrants or requirement in connection with some detention orders, they were also to be recognised as freedom fighters by the Central Government. But in many cases, the Centre and the States have rejected the plea of the applicants who went underground and whose whereabouts were not known. May I ask the hon. Minister, through you, the details of persons who had gone underground and whose whereabouts were not known for more than six months because of some non-bailable warrant or detention

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order? They filed affidavits of accomplices to recognise their cases. I would like to know from the Minister how many cases of this particular kind of people have been detected. Secondly ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just one, please. It will be much better if you ask one supplementary. You have a chance to ask a second supplementary. I have got a very big list of questioners. Let us go ahead with many Members asking questions.

मंत्री जी, जवाब दीजिए ।

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, there are certain criteria for accepting the demand for pension by the freedom fighters. In this particular instance, the hon. Member spoke about the persons who were underground. If such cases where there is any evidence, even though no direct evidence, even evidence from reliable sources which is sufficient and which is corroborated by the State Governments or by freedom fighters who suffered during that time, available, those persons are also given freedom fighters' pension as per the rules. But there are some cases where you may not have real evidence, either documentary or even corroborative evidence in the form a certificate by the freedom fighters who suffered during that time. Then, in those cases, the Government finds it difficult to accept the contention.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Solanki, you put your second supplementary.

SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Madam, my second supplementary is with regard to his answer to part (c) of the main question. It is said that the State Governments are competent to process the applications and to reopen the rejetc ed cases including the applications of the widows of the freedom fighters and make their recomendations to the Centre.

May I ask the Minister whether, in the case of those applications which the State Government is going to reopen, if the recommendation is sent by the State Government to the Centre, the Centre is going to scrutinise those particular cases right from the beginning?

Then, part (b) of my supplementary is...

उपसभापति : दस, अब दूसरा कोई पूछ लेगा ।

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Madam, I am the main questioner.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is right. But let me try to organize the Question Hour.

SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Madam, I would like to know the number of cases of freedom fighters in which they had died and their applications, rejected once, were reconsidered on the application of their wives.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, the first part of his question is relating to the State Government's recommendation for reopening the cases. Generally, if the State Government reopens it—of course, the State Governments have the power and have the competence—and informs us, we accept it. But there are cases which, merely because of the letter of recommendation of a State Government, cannot be accepted since there may not be documentar yevidence, justificable under the rules. So, there are such cases and there are recommendation of a State Governments and some of these cases might have been rejected because of lack of sufficient evidence. In the normal course, if there is evidence, if something is found out later on, if the certificate is found at a subsequent stage from the jail records—in all such cases, when it is justified, we reopen it.

SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Madam, he has not replied to my question about the number...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ram Naresh Yadav. Let me see whether he is able to get the answer.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, he asked about the number. I require a separate notice.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Solanki, you send a separate notice and you will get the reply. Yes, Mr. Yadav.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: What the BHP has to do with the freedom movement, I do not know.

श्री राम नरेश यादव : महोदया, माननीय मंत्री जी ने जो कहा है, मैं थोड़ा उसके बारे में कहना चाहता हूं। आपने कहा कि अगर स्ट्रोंग एविडेंस नहीं है, तो हम विचार नहीं करेंगे। मेरी आपत्ति है कि यदि फेक एविडेंस हो तो बात समझ में आती है, लेकिन अगर एविडेंस है, तो स्ट्रोंग लगाने की जरूरत नहीं है, क्योंकि आखिर एविडेंस तो उसके लिए है। इसलिए स्ट्रोंग शब्द को निकालदें। इसके साथ-साथ मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि, महोदया, अब तक अगस्त क्रांति के .... (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : अब आप सवाल पूछिए, अगस्त क्रांति तक न जाएं।

श्री राम नरेश यादव : महोदया, मैं सवाल ही करने जा रहा हूं। जो यह स्वर्ण जयन्ती मनाई जा रही है .... (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You put your question now. I will call the next person if you go beyond one minute. I will stop you... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Just as the telephone calls being cut after one minute!

श्री राम नरेश यादव : महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इस समय आपके पास स्वाधीनता सैनिकों के कितने प्रार्थना पत्र आज भी विलम्बित हैं, चाहे वह खारिज हुए हों या नहीं हुए हों, स्वीकार हुए हों या नहीं हुए हों और जो स्वीकार करने की स्थिति में है? क्योंकि मुझे जानकारी विशेष रूप से है कि आजाद हिन्द फौज के व्यक्तियों के काफी प्रार्थना पत्र पड़े हुए है।

उपसभापति : उनको जवाब देने दीजिए।... (**व्यवधान**) मंत्री जी, बोलिए।

श्री राम नरेश यादव : उनके कितने प्रार्थना पत्र लम्बित है और उनके निस्तारण में कितना समय लेंगे, यह मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, the total number of review petitions received all over the country, all the States combined, is 74,602. The nomber of applications received, all over India; is 5,69,025; the number of applications sanctioned is 1,60,740; the number of applications rejected is 3,99,389; and the number of applications pending is 8,896.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Veena Verma.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: What about strong evidence?

श्री राम नरेश यादव : मैडम, मैं आपका संरक्षण चाहता हूं... (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : नहीं, मेरा आपको पूरा संरक्षण मिला है। वीणा वर्मा जी।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : उपसभापति महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहती हूं कि टोटल महिला स्वतंत्रता सैनानी कितनी हैं? और, दूसरा यह कि यह जो पेंशन मिलती है, यह मैक्सिमम कितनी है और मिनिमम कितनी है? देखा गया है कि राज्यवार यह जो राशि है वह कहीं कम है और कहीं ज्यादा है। किसी को 200/- रुपए मिलती है तो किसी को 300/- रुपए मिलती है स्टेट के हिसाब से और केन्द्र की सबसे ज्यादा है। यही वजह है कि स्वतंत्रता सैनानी जो पेंशन पाते हैं वह कोशिश करते हैं कि उन्हें केन्द्र की पेंशन मिले। तो क्या इसमें युनिफार्मिटि लाने के लिए सरकार कोई विचार करेगी? फिर, दूसरा यह है कि...

उपसभापति : एक सवाल ही पूछिए। .... (व्यवधान) ...
I have got so many. I have got 30 questions. There are other people who want to ask. Otherwise, I will mobe to another question.

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : मैडम, छोटा सा है। मैं बिल्कुल आधा मिनट लूंगी। (व्यवधान) ... मैडम, इस समय हम "क्विट इण्डिया" साल मनाने जा रहे हैं। तो क्या "पेंशन" इस शब्द की जगह, यानी पेंशन न कहकर कोई सम्मान-जनक नाम देने पर सरकार विचार करेगी ? सरकार इसको पेंशन न कहकर राष्ट्रीय सम्मान या राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार या कोई ऐसे अच्छे नाम पर विचार करेगी ? आप उनको सम्मान दीजिए, पेंशन नहीं।

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Swatantrata Sangram Samman is a nice suggestion. Madam, the main part of the question is about women. Women and men freedom fighters are getting the same pension. There is no difference in the pension

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: She asked the number.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: As for as women are concerned, there is a special concession. In their case, if the jail suffering is only for three months, not six months as in the case of men, even three months period is also considered equal to six months jail suffering of men, and they are eligible to get the pension. They get the equal amount as the men get. Regarding the number of women who are getting the pension, I need a separate notice because I have to take it out from the records. As far as the States are concerned, each State is having its own pattern of giving pension and there may not be uniformity in the States. Some States do give may be a little less or more than the other States.

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सरकार क्या विचार करेगी युनिफार्मिटि लाने के लिए ?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Certainly.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Dr. Bapu Kaldate. (*Interruptions*) I cannot ask everybody. I cannot permit everybody to ask questions. Yes, Dr. Bapu Kaldate.

डा० बापू कालदाते : मेरी आवाज अहलुवालिया जी जैसी नहीं है कि मैं बहुत जोर से कह सकूं।

उपसभापति : बोलिए, बोलिए।

डा० बापू कालदाते : उपसभापति महोदया, मेरा सवाल बिल्कुल स्पेसिफिक है, आपने यह कहा है कि नई कमेटियां नियुक्त करने का कोई प्रस्ताव आपके सामने नहीं है, लेकिन मंत्री महोदय आप जानते होंगे कि हैदराबाद मुक्ति संग्राम के कुछ केसेज पेंडिंग रहे और इसके लिए हाल ही में गोविंदभाई जी के नेतृत्व में आपने एक कमेटी बनाई है। इधर आपको यह भी निवेदन आए हैं गोवा फ्रीडम फाइटर्स से, कि उनके कई केसेज पड़े हुए हैं, जिनके बारे में कोई फैसला नहीं होता है और उनकी मांग है आपके पास, कि गोवा फ्रीडम फाइटर्स के लिए एक अलग से कमेटी नियुक्त की जाए, जैसे कि हैदराबाद मुक्ति संग्राम की है ताकि जो सारे केसेज, जो पेंशन के मामले पड़ हुए हैं उनको पूरा किया जाए। इस संदर्भ में सरकार की क्या सोच है ?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, Goa freedom fighters are treated at par with the freedom fighters of any other parts of the country. That was the dispute earlier. So, the freedom fighters from Goa are also considered equal for getting the pension. Madam, the total number of applications received from Goa was 3,362, out of which 876 were sanctioned pension. But we have to reject, for want of evidence, in the case of 2472 persons. 14 cases are pending. That will be speeded up.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: In the case of Hyderabad Mukti Sangram, you have recently appointed a Committee to reexamine their cases. Why not for the Goa freedom fighters?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I may tell you that in the case of Hyderabad freedom

fighters, the work allotted to the earlier Committee was not complete. So, when the Committee's term was over, the Committee was reconstituted with new members, and they have also been given a stipulated time schedule that they must complete the screening of the applications pending with them before such and such a date. But they shall not take any freedom fighter's case which has already been rejected by the earlier committee. So a separate committee has to consider it; all eligible cases will be considered by a separate committee. About Goa, I have already answered.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: Whom are you saying to that you have already answered?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam, I do not know whether in the Question Hour you allow us to lay papers on the table.....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:.... because I have documentary proof.....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not allow this even otherwise.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I would like to ask the Government through you, whether they are aware of the correspondence from the Andhra Pradesh Government saying that a large number of bogus pensions are being given for the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha people, and to quote, it says: "A large number of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha people belonging to Warangal district who did not participate in the movement are falsely drawing Central pension in the name of freedom fighters." And the I.G. of Intelligence says: "A large-scale fraud has attracted severe public criticism. It may manifest into a scandal any time." I want to know whether the Government are aware of it. This is number one. Secondly, I want to know whether all these people got this pension during 1988 and whether most of them are, or are not,—I am asking a question—RSS members, because RSS did not participate in the freedom movement.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : यही कारण है कि जो असली स्वतंत्रता सेनानी हैं उनको पेंशन नहीं मिल रही है... (व्यवधान) अफसर और मंत्री यही जवाब देते हैं कि ...(व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, please. Let the Question Hour be a Question Hour. I do not permit you; I am not permitting.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : ऐसे भी स्वतंत्रता सेनानी हैं जो स्वतंत्रता पाने के बाद पैदा हुए, उसके बावजूद वे पेंशन ले रहे हैं। दुर्भाग्य की बात है...(व्यवधान) जिन लोगों ने इन लोगों की पेंशन सैंक्शन [redacted] है उनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही होनी चाहिए की..(व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you behave like this, I would not ask the Minister to answer. Please take your seat. I am not allowing you. If you behave like this, I am not going to allow you. Please sit down. If you behave like this in the House in the Question Hour, I can assure you that I will not permit. So please wait for your time. Let the Minister answer. When you become a Minister, I will be very happy to put the question to you.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: It is an important information to the House. It is the right of the Member to raise it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not allowing. Let the Minister answer.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: If we raise our hand, you never call us.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am going slow. Let the Minister answer the question.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Mr. Subramanian Swamy was raising a very important question, once a freedom fighter's pension is given and afterwards it is found to be bogus, what we are going to do in the large number of such cases. We have cancelled 1303 pension cases.....

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Why did you not prosecute the officer?

SHRI M. M. JACOB:.....after they had received pension.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I wanted to know whether they are RSS members.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: The number of cases suspended is 2850. About the particular letter that the hon. Member has mentioned, this is being looked into. I shall certainly look into it and find out the real facts.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: And you will inform the House, because it is an assurance. It is a gigantic scandal which took place when National Front was in power in Andhra Pradesh.

Welcome to the Parliamentary Delegation from the Republic of Udbekistan

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have an announcement to make.

We have with us, seated in the Special Box, members of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Republic of Uzbekistan, currently on a visit to our country under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Mr. S. M. Yuldashev, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to the leader and other members of the Delegation and wish our distinguished guests a very enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay here they would be able to see and learn more about our Parliamentary system, our country and our people, and their visit to this country will further strengthen the friendly bonds that exist between India and the Republic of Uzbekistan. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the members of the Supreme Council and the friendly people of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS—CONTD.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 503. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Madam, this is a very important question concerning the freedom fighters. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, I want to refer to one thing. Please allow me. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN Madam, this is a very important question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I know it is an important question. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, when Mr. Ram Niwas Mirdha was the Minister of State for Home Affairs, a last was issued, *suo motu*, by the Government. At that time, I had given the name of Shri Indravadan M. Ojha, a veteran freedom fighter. But till date, he has not been granted the pension. (*Interruptions*)

*503. [*The questioner (Dr. Yelamanchili Sivaji) was absent. For answer vide* col...*infra*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Question No. 504. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: They do not rely on the State Government. What more evidence do they want than the recommendations made by the State Governments?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 504. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: The State Governments have been taken for a ride by the Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gopalsamy, please take your seat.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: They do not rely on the State Governments. What more evidence do they want?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. Question No. 504. (*Interruptions*)

Doubling of B.G. Railway Line from Delhi to Lucknow

*504. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the B.G. line between Delhi and Lucknow is single line;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need for doubling this line; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) There are two direct routes between Delhi and Lucknow. One, *via* Moradabad is doubled on sections between Delhi and Ghaziabad, Moradabad and Rampur, and between Bareilly and Lucknow. Doubling is in progress between Rampur and Bareilly. Doubling between Ghaziabad and Moradabad would be considered when the operational requirements justify the same, subject to availability of resources.

On the second route *via* Kanpur, the section between Delhi and Unnao is doubled except over Kanpur bridge.

Doubling of Lucknow-Unnao and Kanpur bridge is in progress and is expected to be completed during 1992-93.

मौलाना औबेदुल्ला खान आजमी : मैडम, दिल्ली से लखनऊ के लिए वाया कानपुर और वाया मुरादाबाद दो रास्ते जाते हैं। गाजियाबाद से मुरादाबाद तक एक ही लाइन है। उस पर कोई दोहरी लाइन बिछाने की अब तक शुरूआत नहीं हुई है और अगर डबल लाइन बिछाई जाए तो उससे न सिर्फ यू.पी. को बल्कि पूरे मुल्क को फायदा होगा। अभी तक हालत यह है कि डबल लाइन न होने की वजह से रेलगाड़ियों को अपने मुकाबिल आने वाली गाड़ियों को रास्ता देने के लिए काफी देर तक रोकना पड़ता है। इसके अलावा सुपर फास्ट ट्रनों को रास्ता देने के लिए दूसरी तमाम गाड़ियों को काफी देर तक रोक देना पड़ता है जिसकी वजह से हमारे मुल्क की तरक्की की रफ्तार मुतासिर होती है इसलिए कि उसमें मालगाड़ियां भी होती हैं। अगर सरकार इस लाइन को डबल लाइन बना देती है तो उससे न सिर्फ बहुत सारे वक्त की बचत होती है... (व्यवधान)

مولانا عبید اللہ خاں اعظمی: میڈم دہلی سے لکھنؤ کے لیے وایہ کانپور اور وایہ مراد آباد دو راستے جاتے ہیں۔ غازی آباد سے مراد آباد تک ایک ہی لائن ہے۔ اس پر کوئی دوہری لائن بچھانے کی اب تک شروعات نہیں ہوئی ہے اور اگر ڈبل لائن بچھائی جائے تو اس سے نہ صرف یو۔ پی کو بلکہ پورے ملک کو فائدہ ہوگا۔ ابھی تک حالت یہ ہے کہ ڈبل لائن نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے ریل گاڑیوں کو اپنے مقابل آنے والی گاڑیوں کو راستہ دینے کے لیے دوسری تمام گاڑیوں کو کافی دیر تک روک دینا پڑتا ہے جس کی وجہ سے ہمارے ملک کی ترقی کی رفتار متاثر ہوتی ہے اس لیے کہ اس میں مال گاڑیاں بھی ہوتی ہیں۔ اگر سرکار اس لائن کو ڈبل بنا دیتی ہے تو اس سے نہ صرف بہت سارے وقت کی بچت ہوتی ہے... "مداخلت"..

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.